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**ODA REVISES DANGEROUS ANIMAL BOARD MEETINGS**

REYNOLDSBURG, OH (Dec. 3, 2012) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) today announces a revised meeting schedule for the Dangerous and Restricted Animals Advisory Board sub-committees. All subcommittee meetings will be held at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Meetings previously scheduled for December 10, 11 and 13 have been canceled. All for subcommittees will meet together on Friday, December 14 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Subcommittee members will be discussing the administrative rules for housing and care standards for dangerous wild animal (DWA) permit holders and restricted snake permit holders at the following meetings:

**DWA Health and Care Subcommittee:**

**December 12, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,** Ohio Department of Agriculture – Animal Industry Building, 8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio

**Restricted Snake Health and Care Subcommittee:**

**December 12, 2012 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,** Ohio Department of Agriculture – Animal Industry Building, 8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio

**DWA Facility Management, Restricted Snake Facility Management, DWA Health and Care and Restricted Snake Health and Care Subcommittees:**

**December 14, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,** Ohio Department of Agriculture – Animal Industry Building, 8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio

The Dangerous and Restricted Animals Advisory Board was created with the passage of Senate Bill 310 to advise the Director of Agriculture on the development of administrative rules governing the ownership of dangerous wild animals.

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